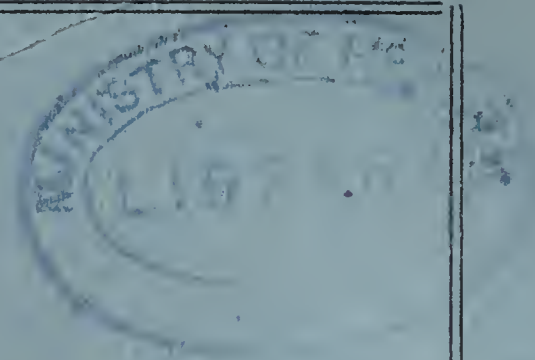


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**To the Norman Cross Rural District Council.**

MR. CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the sanitary conditions of the district for the year ending 31st December, 1953.

The report has been constructed on similar lines as last year's report, as requested by the Ministry of Health.

**STAFF.**

Medical Officer of Health ..... F. D. F. STEEDE, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector ..... H. E. REEVE, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Additional Sanitary Inspector ..... E. T. LITTLE, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

|   |       |       |       |       |       |       |             |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Area                                    | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 35795 acres |
| Estimated Population (mid 1953)         | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 8810        |
| Number of Inhabited Houses, end of 1953 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2549        |
| Rateable Value                          | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | £32,185     |
| Value of Penny Rate 31/3/1953           | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | £130        |

Social conditions remain unaltered with agriculture and brick population providing a livelihood for a large part of the population, although a great many people, especially in those villages which enjoy reasonably good communications, gain a living in the industrial concerns of Peterborough and Old Fletton.

The general health of the district is very good indeed, and examination of the vital statistics bears out this impression. The birth rate shows a fractional increase to a level above that of England and Wales, whilst the death rate is again low, lower in fact than the figure for last year, which was well below the average for the whole country.

The delay which continues to be experienced in gaining admission for the aged in distress to homes for aged persons or to hospital, has given cause for a great deal of anxiety at times during the year.

The number of houses completed during the year shows an increase on 1952, nevertheless I feel that there must be no slackening in the Council's efforts to provide new homes. The list of applicants allows no prospect of dealing with slum clearance until reduced, although there are relatively a large number of unfit houses which are beyond repair, to say nothing of the large number of families living in hutments in the Sibson district. With the very greatest deference I venture to suggest that housing authorities might well consider, as some authorities already do, the claim of applicants in regular employment in their area but who live in a neighbouring authority's area, as in this way a better overall picture of ultimate housing requirements might well be gained.

The Main Drainage Scheme is now nearing completion, and should be in operation in 1954, the limiting date depending on the completion of alterations to the treatment works of the Old Fletton Urban District Council.

Water supply with a piped supply to most properties is very satisfactory, apart from increasing difficulties due to inadequate pressure in some places for which the ultimate remedy lies in the extensive proposed alterations to the distribution system in the Old Fletton Urban District Council's area.



Refuse collection though regular, could be improved by a more frequent service and by the introduction of controlled tipping.

At the present time powers under the Food & Drugs Act, including the supervision of food shops and meat inspection, are delegated to the County Council, and I feel that the Council might do well to consider their resumption.

In conclusion I should like to thank Members of the Council for their kindness and consideration to me, and to their officers for all the help which they have given me during yet another year.

### VITAL STATISTICS.

#### LIVE BIRTHS

Birth Rate per 1000 population ..... 15.8

#### STILL BIRTHS

Rate per 1000 total births ..... 14.2

#### DEATHS

Death rate per 1000 population ..... 9.2  
Deaths from Puerperal Causes  
per 1000 total (live and still) births ..... Nil

#### Death Rate of Infants under One Year of age:—

All infants per 1,000 live births ..... 7.2  
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ..... 7.8  
Illegitimate „ „ „ illegitimate „ „ ..... Nil

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) ..... 7  
Deaths from Measles (all ages) ..... Nil  
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) ..... Nil  
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ..... 1

#### RATES

|                     | Per 1,000 Population |              |                  |                          | Per 1,000 LiveBirths |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
|                     | Live Births          | Still Births | Crude Death Rate | Stand-ardized Death Rate | Infantile Mortality  |
| Norman Cross R.D.C. | 15.8                 | 0.2          | 9.2              | 9.7                      | 7.2                  |
| England & Wales     | 15.5                 | 0.35         | 11.4             | 11.4                     | 26.8                 |

The following table shows the classification of deaths from all causes (Registrar-General's figures):—

| CAUSES OF DEATH.                                | Males | Females | Totals |
|---|-------|---------|--------|
| All Causes.                                     | 45    | 36      | 81     |
| 1. Tuberculosis, respiratory .....              | 1     | 1       | 2      |
| 2. Tuberculosis, other .....                    | —     | —       | —      |
| 3. Syphilitic disease .....                     | —     | —       | —      |
| 4. Diphtheria .....                             | —     | —       | —      |
| 5. Whooping Cough .....                         | —     | —       | —      |
| 6. Meningococcal infections .....               | —     | —       | —      |
| 7. Acute poliomyelitis .....                    | —     | —       | —      |
| 8. Measles .....                                | —     | —       | —      |
| 9. Other infective & parasitic diseases .....   | —     | —       | —      |
| 10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach .....           | 1     | —       | 1      |
| 11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus .....    | 1     | —       | 1      |
| 12. Malignant neoplasm, breast .....            | —     | 2       | 2      |
| 13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus .....            | —     | —       | —      |
| 14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms ..... | 1     | 1       | 2      |
| 15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia .....                 | —     | 1       | 1      |
| 16. Diabetes .....                              | 1     | —       | 1      |
| 17. Vascular lesions of nervous system .....    | 8     | 5       | 13     |
| 18. Coronary disease, angina .....              | 5     | 3       | 8      |
| 19. Hypertension with heart disease .....       | —     | —       | —      |
| 20. Other heart disease .....                   | 8     | 10      | 18     |
| 21. Other circulatory disease .....             | 2     | —       | 2      |
| 22. Influenza .....                             | —     | —       | —      |
| 23. Pneumonia .....                             | 2     | —       | 2      |
| 24. Bronchitis .....                            | 5     | 5       | 10     |
| 25. Other diseases of respiratory system .....  | 1     | —       | 1      |
| 26. Ulcer of stomach & duodenum .....           | —     | —       | —      |
| 27. Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea .....      | —     | 1       | 1      |
| 28. Nephritis & nephrosis .....                 | 1     | —       | 1      |
| 29. Hyperplasia of prostate .....               | —     | —       | —      |
| 30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion .....       | —     | —       | —      |
| 31. Congenital malformations .....              | —     | —       | —      |
| 32. Other defined & ill-defined diseases .....  | 4     | 7       | 11     |
| 33. Motor vehicle accidents .....               | 2     | —       | 2      |
| 34. All other accidents .....                   | 1     | —       | 1      |
| 35. Suicide .....                               | 1     | —       | 1      |
| 36. Homicide & operations of war .....          | —     | —       | —      |

## **GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.**

### **(a) Laboratory Facilities :**

No change has taken place in the general arrangements during the past year. Bacteriological specimens from Practitioners in the district are examined at the Pathological Department of the Memorial Hospital, Peterborough, or by the Pathological Laboratory, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge.

### **(b) Ambulance Facilities :**

- (1) For the removal of infectious cases a motor ambulance is available at the Isolation Hospital, Huntingdon.
- (2) For non-infectious and accident cases the area is covered by the ambulance service of the Soke of Peterborough County Council under an agreement with Huntingdon County Council, which is the Local Health Authority responsible. This arrangement is working satisfactorily.

### **(c) Nursing in the Home :**

Nursing in the district is carried on by two qualified nurses employed by the Huntingdon County Council. All nurses are certified midwives and attend the majority of maternity cases under the Domiciliary Midwifery Scheme.

All cases of Tuberculosis are visited by the Tuberculosis Health Visitor and a report with details of home conditions and circumstances is completed.

### **(d) Clinics and Treatment Centres:**

Infant Welfare work in the district is still carried out by the Fletton and District Infant and Child Welfare Association by arrangement with Huntingdon County Council, the Welfare Clinic being held at London Road, Old Fletton, every week on Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m.

## **YAXLEY.**

An Infant Welfare Clinic is held at the Stretton Hall every 4th Friday in the month from 2-30—4 p.m.

## **ELTON.**

The Infant Welfare Centre is situated at the Highgate Hall and meets on the 2nd Thursday each month at 2-30—4 p.m.



The following additional Clinics are provided :—

|                                  |       |  |
|----------------------------------|-------|--|
| School Clinic<br>(Minor Ailment) | ..... | London Road Clinic, Old Fletton,<br>Every Wednesday 10—12.   |
| School Clinic<br>(Minor Ailment) | ..... | Stretton Hall, Yaxley<br>Every 4th Friday 10—12.   |
| Eyes                             | ..... | London Road Clinic. By Appt.   |
| Dental Clinic                    | ..... | High Street, Old Fletton.  |
| Tuberculosis                     | ..... | 28, Fitzwilliam St., Peterborough,<br>Every Monday 2—4 p.m. By Appt.   |
| Orthopaedic                      | ..... | Memorial Hospital, Peterborough,<br>2nd Tuesday in the month.<br>By Appt.  |
| Nose, Throat & Ear Clinic        | ..... | Memorial Hospital, Peterborough,<br>Every Wednesday at 3 p.m.<br>By Appt.  |
| Venereal Diseases                | ..... | 28 Fitzwilliam St., Peterborough,<br>Women Only—Wednesday 5.30—<br>7 p.m. Friday 10.30—12 noon.<br>Men Only—Monday 5.30—7 p.m.<br>Thursday 5.30—7 p.m. |

Under the Ante and Post Natal Scheme, provided by the County Council, expectant mothers are examined twice during their pregnancy (or oftener if necessary) and once after confinement.

**(e) Hospitals :**

- (1) Fever—The treatment of infectious diseases is carried out at the Hospital for Infectious Diseases at Huntingdon.
- (2) General hospital services including Out-patient facilities are provided at Peterborough Memorial Hospital.
- (3) Provision is made for Maternity Cases at The Gables, Peterborough, or the Maternity Hospital, Paxton Park.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Surveyor's Office,

Booster Station,

Yaxley,

June, 1954.

TO THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Sir,

I have the honour to present my Fourth Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1953.

## NEW HOUSING.

(a) **By Council**—The number of houses built since 1945 is as follows:—

| Up to 31/12/51    |       | During 1952 |       | During 1953 |             | Total |
|-------------------|-------|-------------|-------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| Folksworth        | 2     | Yaxley      | 4     | Yaxley      | 4 Bungalows |       |
| Chesterton        | 2     | Holme       | 2     | Holme       | 4 „         |       |
| Orton Waterville  | 8     |             |       | Glatton     | 2           |       |
| Stilton           | 22    |             |       | Stilton     | 2 Bungalows |       |
| Farcet            | 20    |             |       | Farcet      | 22          |       |
| Elton             | 18    |             |       |             |             |       |
| Yaxley            | 26    |             |       |             |             |       |
| Orton Longueville | 6     |             |       |             |             |       |
| Stibbington       | 2     |             |       |             |             |       |
| Alwalton          | 4     |             |       |             |             |       |
| Holme             | 2     |             |       |             |             |       |
|                   | <hr/> |             | <hr/> |             | <hr/>       | <hr/> |
| Total             | 112   |             | 6     |             | 34          | 152   |

Plus adaption of **Temporary Dwellings** :—

|               |                |   |   |    |
|---------------|----------------|---|---|----|
| Holmewood 11, | Sibson Camp 60 | — | — | 71 |
|---------------|----------------|---|---|----|

Families Accomodated 223

In course of erection at the end of 1953:—

Morborne 4 Bungalows;    Stilton 4 Bungalows;    Glatton 2 Houses;  
Farcet 2 Houses.

### Plans Approved for:—

Yaxley 44 Houses; Holme 36 Houses.

(b) **By Private Developers**—The number of Houses completed since January, 1947 is as follows:—

|                                   |   |    |
|-----------------------------------|---|----|
| 1947—9 houses and 2 bungalows     | — | 11 |
| 1948—7 houses and 6 reconstructed | — | 13 |
| 1949—7 houses                     | — | 7  |
| 1950—4 houses                     | — | 4  |
| 1951—4 houses                     | — | 4  |
| 1952—2 houses and 3 bungalows     | — | 5  |
| Total Dwellings                   |   | 44 |

**Completed during 1953:—**

|                   |                          |   |   |
|-------------------|--------------------------|---|---|
| Orton Longueville | 3 houses and 1 bungalow  | — | 4 |
| Elton             | 2 houses                 | — | 2 |
| Yaxley            | 3 bungalows and 2 houses | — | 5 |
| Alwalton          | 1 bungalow               | — | 1 |
| Orton Waterville  | 4 houses                 | — | 4 |
| Farcet            | 4 houses                 | — | 4 |
| Stibbington       | 1 bungalow               | — | 1 |
| Holme             | 1 house                  | — | 1 |
| Folksworth        | 4 houses                 | — | 4 |

Total for 1953 : 20 houses and 6 bungalows — 26 dwellings.

Total since January 1947 : 59 houses and 11 bungalows—70 dwellings.

Under Construction at December 1953 — 13 dwellings.

The number of houses erected during 1953 is more than twice the number erected in any other year since the War, and in 1954 the good work should continue, with possibly a further increase in private development. In the new Council estate at Broadway, Yaxley, approximately one third of the plot has been reserved for private building and with plots available with roads and other services this should help to overcome the difficulty in obtaining suitable plots for private development, which has been obvious during the past 2 or 3 years.

In temporary housing, there has been very little alteration at Sibson Camp, where approximately 50 families still live in sub-standard huts, which were only intended as war-time service accommodation. The Horsey Toll Site has been cleared during the year, and the occupants put into Council houses at Farcet.

**RURAL HOUSING SURVEY.**

215 houses were inspected during the year. The houses inspected up to 31st December, 1953 can be categorised as follows:—

| I                   | II            | III  | IV                             | V  |                 |
|---------------------|---------------|--|--------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Fit in all respects | Minor Defects | Requiring Structural alterations or improvements | Appropriate for Reconditioning | Unfit for habitation & beyond repair at reasonable expense | Total Inspected |
| 346                 | 259           | 315  | 23                             | 179  | 1,122           |

It is hoped to complete this Survey during 1954, when a detailed report will be given. The initial difficulty of lack of records has now been overcome, and to speed the work, detailed measurements are not being taken in premises which are obviously Grade I. The work of improving housing conditions, which has been so sadly neglected since 1939, will really start when this survey is complete. In the meantime action under the Housing Act is restricted to remedying minor defects and demolishing a few of those houses which are absolutely unfit. Progress with reconditioning or demolishing houses is closely allied to the Council's Building Programme, as alternative accommodation must be provided for the tenants of unfit houses. New legislation is expected in 1954, which should give financial assistance to owners to improve property.

### SUMMARY OF VISITS.

| Subject                        | Visits | Subject                        | Visits |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|
| Nuisances .....                | 109    | Caravans .....                 | 41     |
| Infectious Diseases .....      | 39     | Refuse Collection .....        | 26     |
| Housing Acts .....             | 288    | Committees & Conferences ..... | 47     |
| Council & Temp. Housing .....  | 511    | New Buildings .....            | 181    |
| Water Supply .....             | 335    | Disinfestation .....           | 21     |
| Rodent Control .....           | 36     | Interviews .....               | 604    |
| Factories & Workshops .....    | 7      | Miscellaneous :                |        |
| Food .....                     | 25     | (Licensing, Mortuaries         |        |
| Sewers, Works & Drainage ..... | 602    | Petroleum Acts, etc.)          | 343    |
| Civil Defence .....            | 36     |                                |        |

### NUISANCES.

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Abated as a result of informal action .....  | 120 |
| Abated as a result of Statutory action ..... | Nil |

| Analysis                     | No. | No. of Inspections |
|------------------------------|-----|--------------------|
| Premises .....               | 23  | 33                 |
| Accumulation of Refuse ..... | 13  | 21                 |
| Foul ditches etc. ....       | 9   | 40                 |
| Drains .....                 | 58  | 91                 |
| Animals .....                | 6   | 11                 |
| Overcrowding .....           | 4   | 10                 |
| Disinfestation .....         | 7   | 17                 |
| Dampness .....               | 10  | 19                 |

|                        |                            |     |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----|
| Slaughter Houses ..... | No. licensed or registered | Nil |
|                        | No. of inspections .....   | Nil |

### DISINFECTION.

|   |     |                          |    |
|---|-----|--------------------------|----|
| Cases of infectious diseases reported ..... | 4   | No. of inspections ..... | 39 |
| Rooms disinfected (a) Tuberculosis .....    | 3   | (b) Others .....         | 1  |
| Schools disinfected .....                   | Nil |                          |    |



## CLOSETS.

|  |       |      |
|--|-------|------|
| No. of houses at the end of the year with W.C's          | ..... | 897  |
| " " " " " " " " " " Pail Closets                         | ..... | 1277 |
| " " " " " " " " " " Privy Vaults                         | ..... | 348  |
| No. of W.C.'s constructed during the year for new houses | ..... | 60   |
| No. of W.C.'s newly constructed for old property         | ..... | 3    |
| No. of Privies converted to W.C.'s                       | ..... | Nil  |
| <b>ASHBINS</b>   |       |      |
| New provided   | ..... | 150  |

## WATER SUPPLY.

The problem of low pressure at the Western End of Yaxley Broadway became even more serious during the year, and suggestions have been made to the consulting Engineers for a temporary method of overcoming the difficulty until such time as the full scheme of pressurisation of the Fletton Avenue Booster Station is completed.

Various amendments were made to the scheme for supplying water to the Fens and other outlying areas and it is hoped that the whole scheme will go to tender in 1954.

New supplies connected during the year are as follows:—

52 Domestic; 21 Metered; 31 Building

|                                      |       |       |       |       |    |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----|
| Samples taken from main piped supply | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 27 |
| No. unsatisfactory                   | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2  |

(Satisfactory samples obtained after repairs to burst services.)

During 1952 there were 18 Domestic, 18 Metered and 46 Building supplies connected ; thus the increased building activity is again emphasised. Most of the Builders took advantage of the provisions of the Water Act, 1945, which requires the Water Undertakers to lay the communication pipe where it is in the highway, and as the work often entails crossing the road, the services of the Waterworks Staff were increasingly called upon. In most of these cases it was possible to bore under the road, often a tricky job, but resulting in a great saving in cost and time.

During 1953 there were 17 bursts on mains and 74 burst services. 29 of the burst services were caused by Drainage and G.P.O. Contractors. The Waterworks Staff were called to all of these bursts, and the resulting disturbance of mains regularly caused discolouration of the water. Despite all this waste, prompt attention kept the Domestic Consumption over the year at 12.16 gallons per head per day. Six of the burst mains were in Glatton Village, again showing the need for replacement of this main.



**HOUSING.**

**Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year :**

|   |       |       |       |     |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects<br>(under Public Health or Housing Acts)  | ..... | ..... | ..... | 225 |
| Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous<br>or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation                                       | . .   |       |       | 10  |
| Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under<br>the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects<br>reasonably fit for human habitation | ..... | ..... | ..... | 71  |

**Remedy of defects without service of formal Notices :**

|  |       |    |
|--|-------|----|
| Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence<br>of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers | ..... | 23 |
|--|-------|----|

**Action under Statutory Powers :**

|  |       |       |       |       |       |       |     |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service<br>of formal Notices | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Nil |
| Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition<br>Orders were made         | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2   |
| Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of<br>Demolition Orders            | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1   |

**FOOD & DRUGS.**

**Milk Supply :**

|                        |       |             |       |       |       |       |   |
|------------------------|-------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|
| Supplementary Licences | T.T.  | .....       | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5 |
| „                      | „     | Pasteurised | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 |
| „                      | „     | Sterilized  | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 |
| Dealers                | ..... | .....       | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 |
| Distributors           | ..... | .....       | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 |

Sections 9—18 inclusive, 21(2), 31, 37, 38 and 39 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1938 have been delegated to the County Council by an agreement dated 1940.

Nevertheless, this department is, as always in the past, only too glad to assist in any way in emergencies.

**DISINFESTATION.**

|                    |                                   |       |       |       |    |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|----|
| (a) Bed Bugs.      | No. of houses infested            | ..... | ..... | ..... | 7  |
|                    | No. of houses disinfested         | ..... | ..... | ..... | 7  |
| (b) Rats and Mice. | No. of houses inspected           | ..... | ..... | ..... | 36 |
|                    | No. of houses treated and cleared | ..... | ..... | ..... | 14 |

## SEWERAGE.

There was continued progress during the year on the Five Parish Drainage Scheme, the position at 31st December being as follows:—

| Village           | Main<br>Sewers | House<br>Connections | Rising<br>Mains | Storm<br>Overflows | Pumping<br>Stations |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Yaxley .....      | 100%           | 100%                 | 100%            | 100%               | 40%                 |
| Farcet .....      | 100%           | 100%                 | 100%            | 100%               | 60%                 |
| Stilton .....     | 100%           | 95%                  | Nil             | Nil                | Nil                 |
| Orton Longueville | 90%            | 90%                  | 90%             | 75%                | 5%                  |
| Orton Waterville  | 25%            | 20%                  | 100%            | Nil                | 5%                  |

It is expected that this scheme will be in operation during the latter part of 1954, provided the extensions to Old Fletton Urban District Council's Works are sufficiently advanced to accept a certain amount of sewage.

In the old existing drainage schemes there was a special drive during the year to clean out all the old sewage dykes, either by hand labour or machine, and particular attention is now being given to their maintenance, so as to ensure that all dykes are as inoffensive as possible.

## REFUSE COLLECTION.

The fortnightly collection from the kerbside continued during the year, giving good service within its limitations. More time was spent in maintaining tips, but the increasingly heavy loads will necessitate more frequent machine levelling and covering with soil in the future. Paper salvage collection continued, mainly as a means of keeping fires down on the tips.

## FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

|   |  |  |  |  |  |                   |     |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|-------------------|-----|
| Total No. of Factories on Register (including bakehouses) |  |  |  |  |  | .....             | 73  |
| No. of inspections  |  |  |  |  |  | .....             | 7   |
| No. in which nuisances abated                             |  |  |  |  |  | .....             | Nil |
| Homework  |  |  |  |  |  | No. of outworkers | 1   |
|   |  |  |  |  |  | No. of houses     | 1   |
| Legal Proceedings   |  |  |  |  |  | .....             | Nil |

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Caravans. All vans are inspected to keep the standard of sanitary arrangements as required under the Public Health Act. At the end of the year 14 Caravan Licences were in force.

## CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, may I express my thanks to the Council and to the other officers and staff for their help during the year.

H. ERIC REEVE,  
Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector.

The following table gives the incidence of notifiable diseases (other than tuberculosis) in the area during 1953.

| Total Deaths               |                             |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Cases admitted to Hospital |                             |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 65 & upwards               |                             |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 45 — 65                    |                             |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 35 — 45                    |                             |       |       |       |       | 1     | 1     |       |       |       |       | 2     |
| 20 — 35                    |                             |       |       |       |       |       | 1     |       |       |       |       | 1     |
| 15 — 20                    |                             |       |       |       |       |       | 2     |       |       |       |       |       |
| 10 — 15                    |                             |       |       |       |       |       | 1     |       |       |       |       |       |
| 5 — 10                     |                             |       |       |       |       |       | 6     | 8     |       |       |       | 2     |
| 4 — 5                      |                             |       |       |       |       |       | 1     | 1     |       |       |       |       |
| 3 — 4                      |                             |       |       |       |       |       | 2     | 1     |       |       |       |       |
| 2 — 3                      |                             |       |       |       |       |       | 4     |       |       |       |       |       |
| 1 — 2                      |                             |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| under 1 year               |                             |       |       |       |       |       |       | 1     |       |       | 1     |       |
| TOTAL                      |                             |       |       |       |       | 1     | 18    | 11    |       |       | 1     | 5     |
| DISEASE                    | .....                       | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
|                            | .....                       | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
|                            | .....                       | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
|                            | Erysipelas .....            | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
|                            | Smallpox .....              | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
|                            | Scarlet Fever .....         | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
|                            | Diphtheria .....            | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
|                            | Cerebro-Spinal Fever .....  | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
|                            | Pneumonia .....             | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
|                            | Measles .....               | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
|                            | Whooping Cough .....        | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
|                            | Acute Poliomyelitis .....   | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
|                            | Ophthalmia Neonatorum ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
|                            | Dysentery .....             | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The year has been a very satisfactory one with very little infectious disease. For yet another year there has been no case of diphtheria, and for which the efficiency of our immunisation methods are the most important single preventive factor. No effort must be spared to keep this fact before the eyes of the public.

Tuberculosis.

| AGE PERIODS       | NEW CASES |    |               |    | DEATHS    |    |               |    |
|-------------------|-----------|----|---------------|----|-----------|----|---------------|----|
|                   | Pulmonary |    | Non Pulmonary |    | Pulmonary |    | Non Pulmonary |    |
|                   | M.        | F. | M.            | F. | M.        | F. | M.            | F. |
| 0 .....           | —         | —  | —             | —  | —         | —  | —             | —  |
| 1 .....           | —         | —  | —             | —  | —         | —  | —             | —  |
| 5 .....           | —         | —  | —             | —  | —         | —  | —             | —  |
| 15 .....          | 1         | —  | 1             | —  | —         | —  | —             | —  |
| 25 .....          | 1         | 1  | —             | —  | —         | 1  | —             | —  |
| 35 .....          | 1         | —  | —             | —  | —         | —  | —             | —  |
| 45 .....          | —         | —  | —             | —  | —         | —  | —             | —  |
| 55 .....          | 1         | —  | —             | —  | 1         | —  | —             | —  |
| 65 & upwards..... | 1         | —  | —             | —  | 1         | —  | —             | —  |
| TOTAL:—           | 5         | 1  | 1             | —  | 2         | 1  | —             | —  |

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Medical Officer of Health.







